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*And without controversy, great is the Mystery of
Godliness: God was manifested in the Flesh,
justified by the Spirit, seen of Angels, preached among
the Gentiles, believed on in the World, received up
in Glory.*

*In whom are hid all the Treasures of Wisdom and
Knowledge.*

D U B L I N.

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P A R T I.

R E C I T A T I V E, *accompany'd.*

Comfort ye my People, saith your Lord; speak
ye Comfortably to *Jerusalem*, and cry unto
her, that her Warfare is accomplished, that
her Iniquity is pardoned,

The Voice of him that cryeth in the Wilderness;
prepare ye the Way of the Lord, make straight
in the Desert a Highway for our Lord.

S O N G.

*Every Valley shall be exalted, and every Mountain and
Hill made low, the crooked straight, and the rough
Places plain.*

C H O R U S.

*And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all
Flesh shall see it together, for the Mouth of the Lord
hath spoken it,*

R E C I T A T I V E, *accompany'd*

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts: Yet once
a little while, and I will shake the Heavens and
the Earth, the Sea and the dry Land, all Nations
I will shake, and the Desire of all Nations shall
come: the Lord whom you seek, shall suddenly
come to his Temple, even the Messenger of the
Covenant whom you delight in, behold he shall
come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

S O N G.

*But who may abide the Day of his coming? And who
shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like a Refiner's Fire.*

C H O R U S.

*And he shall purify the Sons of Levi, that they may
offer unto the Lord, an Offering in Righteousness.*

R E C I -

RECITATIVE.

Behold a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his Name *Emanuel*, GOD WITH US.

SONG.

O thou that tellest good Tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high Mountain; O thou that tellest good Tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy Voice with Strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the Cities of Judah behold your God, arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

CHORUS.

O thou that tellest good Tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high Mountain; O thou that tellest good Tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy Voice with Strength, lift it up, be not afraid, say unto the Cities of Judah, behold your God, arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

RECITATIVE, accompany'd

For behold Darkness shall cover the Earth, and gross Darkness the People: But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his Glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall come to thy Light, and Kings to the Brightness of thy Rising.

SONG.

The People that walked in Darkness have seen a great Light, and they that dwell in the Land of the Shadow of Death, upon them hath the Light shined.

CHORUS.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the Government shall be upon his Shoulder, and his Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace,

RECITATIVE.

There were Shepherds, abiding in the Field, keeping Watch over their Flock by Night;

RECITATIVE. *accompany'd*

And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the Glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

RECITATIVE.

And the Angel saith unto them, fear not; for behold, I bring you good Tidings of great Joy, which shall be to all People: For unto you is born this Day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd*.

And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host, praising God, and saying,

C H O R U S.

Glory to God in the Highest; and Peace on Earth, good will towards Men.

S O N G.

Rejoyce greatly, O Daughter of Sion, shout O Daughter of Jerusalem, behold thy King cometh unto thee. He is the righteous Saviour, and he shall speak peace unto the Heathen, (Da Capo.

RECITATIVE

Then shall the Eyes of the Blind be open'd, and the Ears of the Deaf unstopped; then shall the lame Man leap as a Hart, and the Tongue of the Dumb shall sing.

S O N G.

He shall feed the the Flock like a Shepherd: And he shall gather the Lambs with his Arm, and carry them in his Bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto him all ye that Labour, come unto him that are heavy laden, and he will give you Rest.

Take

Take his Yoke upon you, and learn of him, for he is meek and lowly of Heart, and ye shall find Rest unto your Soul.

C H O R U S.

His Yoke is easy, and his Burthen is light.

End of the **F I R S T P A R T.**

P A R T II.

C H O R U S.

BEhold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the Sin of the World.

S O N G.

He was despised and rejected of Men, a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with Grief. He gave his Back to the Smiters and his Cheeks to them, that plucked off the Hair; he hid not his Face from Shame and Spitting.

[Da Capo.]

C H O R U S.

Surely he hath born our Grievs, and carry'd our Sorrows: He was wounded for our Transgressions, he was bruised for our Iniquities; the Chastisement of our Peace was upon him.

And with his Stripes we are healed.

C H O R U S.

All we like Sheep hath gone astray, we have turned every one to his own Way.

And the Lord hath laid on him the Iniquity of us all,

R E C I T A T I V E, *accompany'd.*

All they that see him laugh him to scorn; they shoot out their Lips, and shake their Heads, laying,

C H O R U S.

He trusted in God that he would deliver him: Let him deliver him if he delight in him.

R E C I T A T I V E, *accompany'd.*

Thy Rebuke hath broken his Heart, he is full of Heaviness

Heaviness: He looked for some to have pity on him, but there was no Man, neither found he any to comfort him.

S O N G.

Behold and see if there be any Sorrow like unto his Sorrow.

R E C I T A T I V E, *accompany'd.*

He was cut off out of the Land of the Living, for the Transgression of thy People was he stricken.

S O N G.

But thou did'st not leave his Soul in Hell, nor did'st thou suffer thy Holy One to see Corruption.

C H O R U S.

Lift up your Heads, O ye Gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting Doors and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle, the Lord of Hosts: He is the King of Glory.

R E C I T A T I V E.

Unto which of the Angels, said He at any Time, thou art my Son, this Day have I begotten thee?

C H O R U S.

Let all the Angels of God Worship him.

S O N G.

Thou art gone up on High, thou hast led Captivity Captive, and received Gifts for Men, yea even for thine Enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

C H O R U S.

The Lord gave the Word, great was the Company of the Preachers.

S O N G and C H O R U S

How beautifull are the Feet of him that bringeth good Tidings. Tidings of Salvation, that saith unto Sion, thy God reigneth, break forth into Joy, glad Tidings, thy God reigneth.

[Da Capq.
S O N G.

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S O N G.

*Their Sound is gone out into all lands, and their Words
unto the Ends of the World.*

S O N G.

*Why do the Nations so furiously rage together, why do
the People imagine a vain thing. The Kings of the
Earth rise up, and the Rulers take Councils together
against the Lord, and against his Anointed,*

C H O R U S

*Let us break their Bonds asunder, and cast away their
Yokes from us.*

R E C I T A T I V E.

*He that dwelleth in Heaven shall laugh them to
Scorn: The Lord shall have them in Derision.*

S O N G.

*Thou shalt break them with a Rod of Iron, thou shalt
dash them in Pieces like a Potter's Vessel.*

C H O R U S.

*Hallelujah, for the Lord Omnipotent reigneth, Hal-
lelujah. The Kingdom of this World, is become the
Kingdom of our Lord, and of our Christ, and he shall
Reign for ever and ever.*

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah.

End of the SECOND PART.

P A R T. III.

S O N G.

*I Know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall
stand at the latter Day upon the Earth: and tho'
Worms destroy this Body, yet in my Flesh shall I see
God for now is Christ risen from the Dead, the first
Fruits of them that Sleep.*

C H O R U S.

Since by Man came Death.

By Man came also the Resurrection of the Dead.

For

Eor as in Adam all die.

Even so in Christ shall all be made alive

RECITATIVE *accompany'd*

Behold I tell you a Mystery: We shall not Sleep,
But we shall be all changed in a moment, in the
twinkling of an Eye, at the last Trumpet,

S O N G.

*The Trumpet shall Sound, and the Dead shall be raised
Incorruptible, and we shall be changed, for this
Corruptible must put on Incorruption, and this mortal
must put on Immortality.* [a Capo.

RECITATIVE.

Then shall be brought to pass the saying, that is
written, Death is swallowed up in Victory.

D U E T.

O Death where is thy Sting?

O Grave where is thy Victory?

{ The Sting of Death is Sin,

{ And the Strength of Sin is the Law;

C H O R U S.

*But thanks be to God who giveth us the Victory,
through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

S O N G.

*If God is for us. who can be against us? Who shall
lay any thing to the Charge of God's Elect? It is
God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth? It is
Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who
is at the Right Hand of God, who maketh Inter-
cession for us.*

C H O R U S.

*Worthy is the Lamb that was Slain, and hath re-
deemed us to God by his Blood, to receive Power, and
Riches, and Wisdom, and Strength, and Honour,
and Glory, and Blessings.*

*Blessings and Honour, Glory and Power, be unto him
that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for
ever and ever, Amen.* 6 DE 58

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